

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. SOUDER
TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A
SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 5293

Page 45, after line 5, insert the following (and make such technical and conforming changes as may be appropriate):

1 SEC. 26. EVALUATION OF NUTRITION PROJECTS.

2 (a) STUDY.—The Assistant Secretary for Aging shall
3 use funds allocated in section 206(g) of the Older Ameri-
4 cans Act of 1965 to enter into a contract with the Food
5 and Nutrition Board of the Institute of Medicine, for the
6 purpose of establishing an independent panel of experts
7 that will conduct an evidence-based evaluation of the nu-
8 trition projects authorized in such Act. Such study shall,
9 to the extent data are available, include—

10 (1) an evaluation of the effect of nutrition
11 projects authorized by such Act on—

12 (A) health status of participants, including
13 nutritional status,

14 (B) prevention of participant hunger and
15 food insecurity, and

16 (C) ability of participants to remain living
17 independently,



1 (2) a cost-benefit analysis of nutrition projects
2 authorized by such Act, including the potential to af-
3 fect costs of Federal programs under title XIX of
4 the Social Security Act, and

5 (3) recommendations for how nutrition projects
6 authorized by such Act may be modified to improve
7 the outcomes described in paragraph (1), including
8 recommendations for improving the nutritional qual-
9 ity of meals and other potential strategies to im-
10 prove the nutritional status of participants, includ-
11 ing vitamin-mineral supplementation.

12 (b) TIMING.—The Institute of Medicine shall estab-
13 lish an independent panel of experts not later than 90 days
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act. The panel shall
15 submit to the Assistant Secretary the report described in
16 subsection (a) not later than 24 months after the date of
17 the enactment of this Act. The Assistant Secretary shall
18 submit a report on the findings of the evidence-based
19 study described in such subsection to the Committee on
20 Education and the Workforce of the House of Representa-
21 tives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and
22 Pensions of the Senate.

